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LOM is the not-very-official 'zine of the Soviet "it's-not-a-boycott-but-we're-not-coming" of the 1984 Summer Olympics

This issue will probably be going out late, insofar as I had (or will have, as the case may be) finals from May 6 to 11 (yes, I had a Sunday final - not normally scheduled), and, with a little luck, I graduated on May 13 (Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science). Raise those glasses high - CLINK - GLUG - URRP. True Dippers all. To celebrate, I'm going on vacation to a not-very-famous Civil War site - Fredericksburg, VA, over the first weekend in June. For those of you who are curious - YES, I AM going to MaryCon (I'll also be at VariMaryCon, so those of you who get there early can have first crack at me). (Pause while Kathy and John recover after that fainting spell as a result of the news.) For those of you who may not know what I look like, I happen to be about 6'1, somewhere between 200 and 205 pounds, dark hair, and moustache (is there an "o" in that word?). I'm also known for my green shirt with "LIFE OF MONTY" in gold letters across the front.

But, in the meantime, it's time for....

MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT is brought to you by whoever brought it to you at the time when the people who brought it to you back then are bringing it to you now

Yes, MARYCON is coming! Beginning on June 1 with VariMaryCon, the variant event, the thing lasts onto June 2 and 3 with the regular Dip tournament - details within. YOU TOO can say that YOU met the one-and-only ME - this may be your last chance for a long time unless you come out west, so don't blow it!

Remember back in LOM #23 about the famous article, "DOES PLAYING AUSTRIA CAUSE CANCER?" Well, scientists and research guys at Stanford have begun studies that such reports are based on the fact that Austria happens to be right next to Italy. Said one man who wishes to remain nameless, "I don't want a name - I'm not into titles." Another man said, "Well, look at the facts - somebody gets three wins as Italy, and then it's into the hospital with a mystery disease. You tell me - but I say the facts are obvious! Besides, how many Italy players are there?"

FLASH! Scientists at UCSF Medical Center have just announced a definite link between cancer jokes about famous bloodsuckers and sudden attacks of 16-ton weights drooping on their heads and 37 knife wounds in the back. The Department of HHS has announced that these jokes can - and will - be VERY hazardous to your health. You heard it first in the LIFER!

It's almost time for the FOURTH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE of LIFE OF MONTY - number 43 will be the big blast. Let's see some articles, eh? First RETALIATION - then, THE VOICE OF DOOM - now, howzabout going whole hog - a 28 - no, let's shoot the works and try for a 32-PAGER. (That's incredible! Can it be done? Another big one for LOM. And only 40¢ postage per issue! (\$1.20 to Europe via air) With luck, I'll remember to bring my camera with B/W film to MaryCon for some, shall we say, "candid" shots?

Speaking of numbers, RETALIATION and WHITESTONIA are approaching 100, not to mention THE VOICE OF DOOM, and GRAYSTARK is getting toward number 500. I'm not even near 50 yet! Then again, both RETALIATION and WHITESTONIA have had a number of doubles recently, while GRAY, VOD, and LOM count each issue as 1, and of these 3, LOM publishes the fewest issues per year.

Who, LOM ramble on and on?.... Well, only on PAGE 1

Here's a TONIGHT SHOW joke: "I had a friend who mixed her Vanilen with her birth control pills....she had 12 children, but it didn't bother her any...." Well, the joke wasn't one of the best, and it was a Joan Rivers joke, but, did you notice something? The word "Vanilen" - that's what the TV audience heard. Certainly, the studio audience heard the word "Valium". That is strange is that when the NBC censors decide to remove an obscenity, they silence the word (so you don't hear anything), but when it's a drug joke, the drug name is mumbled. Clearly, this is an attempt to "de-humor" drugs - but what good is it if people still realize that they're telling drug jokes? Speaking of NBC, remember the Emmy awards during which the NBC announcer kept saying, "Look at all those Emmys for NBC!"? Apparently, the Emmys were the only things at NBC that people did look at (well, that and Mr. T) - NBC finished more than 2 points behind second-place ABC in the 1985-4 overall ratings, and more than 5 behind first-place CBS. which only goes to show that what the critics like and what the people like tend to be two different things..... (The only reason ST. ELSEWHERE wasn't cancelled was because it turned out to be too expensive to create a series out of the movie V, which was about an invasion from outer space.)

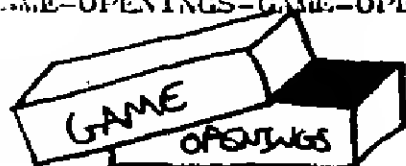
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COMMAND PERFORMANCE

BYRNECON JUNE 8

Yes, Kathy has commanded me to show up at ByrneCon, and who am I to disobey such an order? Not being one to Dip & 'n, I intend to stay out east after MaryCon - a couple of days in Washington DC, and then it's on to New York, where you can view virtually unlimited quantities of asphalt and concrete - New York, the windy city, in the shadow of the Eiffel tower, the city you know they're talking about when Tony Bennett sings "I Left My Heart In San Francisco". YOU TOO can meet the one-and-only ME in NYC - who knows, I may even remember to bring NUCLEAR ESCALATION for a TRUE blast! That's June 8, and maybe I'll be persuaded to stay over that weekend (June 9 and 10). Let's see who bothers to show up.....

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DIPLOMACY - no fees whatsoever. 5 signed up.

MORE DIP - GM Derwood Bowen. 1 signed up. 35 NMR deposit.

MORE MORE DIP - GM Mike Elli, 1715 Cottonwood, Springfield, OR, 97477. Contact Mike for details. 2 signed up. (make that 3)

KINGMAKER.....1 signed up. Need 4-5 more.

NUCLEAR WAR/NUCLEAR ESCALATION....2 signed up. You don't need both of these titles to play - just one.

PRO WRESTLING

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BYRNECON only rates PAGE 3?
I may be in trouble....

DIP WARZ

.....uh, excuse me, but the characters aren't ready yet for this month's episode. But while we're waiting for this FABULOUS, AMAZING, INCREDIBLE episode to begin-

"MIEM!" sounds a voice similar to that of Baldo Calberchian. I assume he read the script. Well, anyway, it is DIP WARZ, with your favorite characters, and it will be starting as soon as we are ready....the flag is up.....they're off and running!

When we last left the Diplomatic Rebels, they had just escaped a large-scale attack to prevent Rod Seaparter from entering the election for Diplomatic Emperor. This left the current Emperor, TS'R ALCK I THE VOICE OF-

"MIEM!" Was that BRUX Linsey? Or maybe Alex Lord? I get the message. -DOOM, rather angry. It seems that she was in the middle of studying a rather important problem at the time...."Let's see, C squared equals A squared plus B squared minus 2AB cosine c, so if c = pi over 2, you get the Pythagorean theorem. That's right? Time to celebrate!"

Anger gets over with quickly in this empire.

Meanwhile, aboard the Linoleum Falcon, our heroes, John Pole-0, Oboe-1 Caruso, Princess Luscious, Baldo Calberchian, and ILOM, have to figure out how to get THE BOURSE before the Diplomatic Empire's right-hand men, Yawn Boring and what's left of Lord Sacks Fifthavenue, can get to it and force the complete capitulation of the hobby to the ONE TRUE WAY.

"Say, Seaparter," Oboe-1 Caruso asks the incredible Rebel leader Rod Seaparter - notice that Oboe-1 called him "Seaparter", so we know it's him - "what's that planet over there? We could use some repair."

"I don't know about that planet," answers Rod. "We may be biting off more than we can chew down there. If the Emperor found out that we landed on the Archive planet, we'd be surrounded in no time."

Princess Luscious reacts to the words "Archive planet? Why, the governor and me go back to who-knows-when!"

ILOM comes to life. "I know when - it was" CLICK

"That was a close one. Pole-0, set course for that planet!"

"ILOM, give me Warp Factor 6 7/8"

"But-

"And no more of this garbage about relativity and faster-than-light! Just MOVE OUT"

"Course laid in and set....successful jump....landing in 10" BUMP

"Seconds? I forgot that time is bent in FTL travel. Arrival on the Archive planet."

Princess Luscious and Rod Seaparter form an advance party to seek out the governor. All around them, large buildings with the title "DIPLOMATIC ARCHIVE INDEX" stand in their way, except for a small opening between volume-buildings 1 and 56. "This way?"

"Why not? But you DO know what the governor and archivist look like, don't you?" answers the Princess.

"How should I know? You're the one that knows them! This governor guy - what does he look like?"

"That do you MEAN, HE?"

"I knew we shouldn't have come here! Look - over there!" Two figures, in the distance, approached them. "Is that them? Or however that's supposed to be said...."

"I think so - let them get closer...." The figures spoke.

"All hail the Empire! I'm Doug-E, diplomatic archivist, and this is Marie, planetary governor."

"Doug-E and Marie? Is it too late to go back, Princess?"

"Is that you, Princess Luscious? Who's your friend?"

"No, THIS is me, and over here is Rod Seaparter, all-diplomatic pinhead and sword, swinger."

"What brings you to this dump of a planet?"

"Well, our ship had some damage in a recent fight with some Imperial thingies, and this was as good a place as any. Now what's with this all hail! The Emperor stuff?"

PAGE 4 complains that this is too light & hard to read....

"Well, it's in the regulations, volume 26-E, section 27-A-g, subsection EGA4 Blue Lawful Evil, page 16284, paragraph 8. It's located down there, 8 buildings down, then left, and 7 more. You can't miss it."

"Who made up these regulations?"

"It all started by BRUXENS, first Oil of Linseed"

"HEHE!" Now THAT was BRUX.

"OK, first EARL of Linseed."

"I might have guessed! Now, about our ship--"

"Is that all? I thought it was about the recent visit by Yawn Boring."

Rod snapped to attention. "WHO was here? What did he want?"

"All he wanted were some back issues of RETALIATION, occasional samples of THE WHITE DUKE, and one or two recent issues of THE BUZZARD'S BREATH."

"Now what would he do with those?"

Later, back aboard ship....

"ILOM, what would he do with those?"

"RETALIATION issues back far enough contain amounts of diplomatic stacking (two units in the same space)....WHITE DUKE contains surprise folding and timing....BUZZARD'S BREATH has fourth-generation THIRD REICH....which only means....no, not even the Emperor....yes, then again, The Emperor would!"

"COULD SHAT?"

"Surprise, massed power and great technology all add up to:"

"THE DEATH STAR & ANCHOR" Lord Sacks Fifthavenue was pleased.

"Prepare for the final, slow and painful demolition and extermination of the Rebels!"

"Where to?"

"What do you mean, WHERE TO?"

"I know where to - it's just that that seems to be the way to volunteer to join the glorious expedition to make the first strike with THE DEATH STAR & ANCHOR."

"Ah, a wise man - there's no room for more than one wise guy on this mission, and I've got that job!"

"But what about what happened with the last two 'sure thing' attacks?"

"You're right - congratulations! By the way, what is your name?"

"Old Geezer Bush-hacker"

"Do you MIND if I call you Bush-hacker for short?"

"Who, ME mind?"

Anyway, Seaparter and ILOM decided to take an alternate route while the Linoleum Falcon returns to the Ig Lew planet to get fixed.

"Prepare to land....Seaparter, are you sure of this idea?"

"Can you think of something else?"

"Surrender? Suicide attack? Withdrawing your campaign?"

"I've got a better idea! Here comes the landing...."

Out in the vast wastelands came a great ROAR and a shining light....I see the weather hasn't improved much, with thunder and lightning still abound. Then HE came. The last answer to the Rebel chances, at least for now....the only hope for Rod Seaparter's campaign....the last chance you've got to see this series continue.

"All hail Grabar the Hott!"

Next issue on DIP BOWL, we'll have-

"Boy, I can see somebody underestimates my power!"

"Make that three of us! Grabar the Hott, you're our last hope. Our only chance. It's this or DIP BOWL."

"If that's the choice, name it!"

"You have to....."

And so Rod Seaparter gave the idea to Grabar the Hott. The next day, in terms of Hottese time units, the signs went up on the Herb Barents Sea planet: "GRABAR THE HOTT SUPPORTS TS'R ALEX I AS EMPEROR" "THE VOICE OF DOOM SPELLS SEAPARTER'S GLOOM" "GRABAR THE HOTT - ALEX'S CHOICE" (he never did say that he was the choice to be the first to be eliminated slowly and painfully as one of her campaign promises - no wonder it was nearly unanimous back then!)

"WHAT?" could be heard from the Emperor's chambers.

"They're out of vanilla - you'll have to take strawberry."

"NEVER! That McDonald's is to be ELIMINATED and replaced with a Carls Junior IMMEDIATELY!"

PAGE 5 SAYS WHERE'S THE BEEF?

"Say, where was this place, anyway?"

"On the Ig Lew planet."

"I heard that the DEATH STAR & ANCHOR is ready....guess where the test planet is!"

Guess where the Rebels are!

"Approaching targeting range in a matter of moments."

"Whaddyamean, a matter of moments? Let's have some accuracy!"

"It was a question of accuracy in destruction or accuracy in timing - suppose YOU were Lord Sacks....what would you do?"

"Well, I" ZAP

"Say, how would YOU like his job? Just answer that question."

Let's get back to Seaparter and ILOM on the Grabar the Hott planet.

"Seaparter! Guess who?"

"It's GARRA THE ELVI MASTER! What brings you here?"

"Not-very-young Seaparter, the Empire is bringing its DEATH STAR & ANCHOR to the Ig Lew planet, and the Linoleum Falcon can't get off in time."

"What am I supposed to do?"

"Find the weakness - get a shot off - and BLAM!"

"BLAM?"

"That's right - BLAM! Now GET WITH IT!"

So Seaparter and ILOM make way for the DEATH STAR & ANCHOR....but is it too late?

"Prepare to fire the weapon! Get those fourth-generation THIRD REICH openings ready - double-stacking set - surprise timing 100%!"

"Sir, off the side, bearing 225 mark 77....it looks like a single fighter!"

"What are we supposed to do? It was a choice between defenses and maximum elimination!"

The Seaparter ship made its way in...."Exhaust pipe in 30 seconds....20

....10....LAUNCH!" A torpedo made its way into the exhaust pipe.... and out of the intake pipe. "What did you expect - STAR WARS? This is DIP WARZ - try something new!"

"Garra! But what?"

"I almost forgot - use THE BOURSE, Rod!"

"The what? Oh, that! But I haven't got it!"

"That's just great! Well, here comes the shot...."



It's inches away!



Just then....POOF! Suddenly, a man appeared in the ship carrying THE BOURSE.

"Seaparter? Era 1.027715?"

"That's right!"

"I'm from the Diplomatic Rebels Past Protection Agency! Here's THE BOURSE - I brought it back from the far future. Use it!"

"But what do I-"

"Impact in 5....4....3....2....1...."

"Let's try...."



bend the shot....

always trust
THE BOURSE



mighty close,
wasn't it?

BOOM

"I thought you said BLAM"

"What was that? It sounded like that
Blaa-Dee! cannon again! Let me guess:

Kathryn Tamlyn's pregnant, right?"

Well, not yet, at least, but Pete is probably working out that problem at this very moment. So much for the DEATH STAR & ANCHOR - and for this episode. As for THE BOURSE, the man from the future had to take it back with him - it was a loaner.

**This PAGE 6 is not a loaner - you
bought it (no refunds - you're stuck)**

This program comes to you from the world service of the BBC.

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Game Openings: Diplomacy, no fees. Signed up: Gestiehr, Sr.; Coughlan, Lee.

Standby List: It's not too early to sign up, gang. By the way, since other publishers have imaginative titles for their standbys, either collectively or individually, (i.e. Leper Colony, Walmburgers, Daff's Motley Crew) my standby list will be known as: (drum roll please) **THE GOLDEN APPLE CORPS.**

You are listening to the North American Service of Radio Moscow.

LETTERS:

((John Caruso, 4/20/84, excerpt)):

"Fnord? What kind of name is that?"

((Sorry, but one does not allow such knowledge to be disseminated among the uninitiated masses. If you don't know the meaning of the word, then you were probably not meant to know.))

((Brother John Patrick O'Rourke, 4/1/84))

"Perhaps you have heard of me and my works on a nation-wide basis in the cause of Temperance. Each year for the past fourteen years I have made a tour of California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado and have delivered a series of lectures on the evils of drinking. On these tours I have been accompanied by my young friend, Peter Lindstrom. Pete, a young man of a life ruined by excessive indulgence of whiskey and women of questionable character.

"Pete would appear with me at the lectures and sit on the platform in his rumpled suit, wheezing and staring at the audience through his bleary, bloodshot eyes; sweating profusely, picking his nose, passing gas and making obscene gestures at the audience, while I would point him out as an example of what over-indulgence can do to a person.

"Last fall, unfortunately, Pete passed away. A mutual friend had given me your name and I wonder if you would be available to take Pete's place on my 1984 tour."

((Sorry, I can't. Maybe someone out there can help you out. Meanwhile, I went three minutes in the ring with that mutual friend.))

This is Radio Australia, calling listeners in Asia, Papua New Guinea, North America and the Pacific on 9.58 megahertz in the 31-meter band.

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(no matter what Don thinks)

*****News from Britain: Pete Doubleday, 302 Lordswood Road, Harborne, Birmingham B17 8AN, U.K., unsuccessful candidate for Parliament on the Cerebus the Aardvark platform, member of Margaret Thatcher's Strikebreakers (i.e. one of the millions of British unemployed - back when unemployment was near zero, labor unions could strike knowing that management couldn't replace them), still publishes **THE THING ON THE MAT**, the 'zine that I ask for by name, complete with letter column, Railway Rivals, and whatnot (love that whatnot!). YOU TOO can read **THE THING** - if you read **LOM**, you're just the type.....

OK, Mike, have it your way - PAGE 7

SCOTT & FRANKIE DEPARTMENT:



This is Radio RSA; the Voice of South Africa.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Playlist--

The Manhattan Transfer

Coming Out--The Manhattan Transfer

Pastiche--The Manhattan Transfer

The Manhattan Transfer Live

Extensions--The Manhattan Transfer

Recess for Moderns--The Manhattan Transfer

The Best of the Manhattan Transfer

Bodies and Souls--The Manhattan Transfer

Experiment in White--Janis Siegel ((of- you guessed it.))

You're listening to VOL--The Voice of America.

Have I jiggledated any luhtsibles yet, Gary?

HOBBY NEWS: Nothing you haven't already read elsewhere.

MISC.: I read the first four Dune books last month. The fifth book hit the stores recently, but I'll wait till it comes out in paperback. I hear the film's gonna be a blockbuster. We'll see.

This has been Radio Havana Cuba, broadcasting from Cuba.

More space to fill? God, I can't wait to get some games in here, so I don't have to wrack my brain thinking of stuff to fill space with. Trust me, my GMIing is better than my writing. Do me a favor and give me a chance to prove it. Please.

get illuminated!

This is NHK, Radio Japan, signing off.

*****This is the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.....beck before ESPN, this was the way to get national sports service, even if it was shortwave radio and the service was spotty.... but no commercials - AFRTS broadcast scores and other sports news between innings.

Now for some hobby snooze - er, news....MANIFEST DESTINY has ceased to be - it is no more - vis a vis the Diplomatic processes, it's hed its lot - it is an ex-'zine! However, the void has been filled, more or less, by yet another new 'zine, THE CONCERT OF EUROPE. TCOE is the only 'zine around with "Qui Tacet Consentire" - to everybody else, it's "NVR=Yes". What it doesn't have is a listing of its sub fee - ask Michael Lee, 3480 Danna Court, Eugene, OR 97405 for details.

April 12, 1970

[illegible]

I do not know if he has, so I may as well check with him. I will let you know.

"I'm sorry," she said. "It's terrible. You can't sit on. I've
just enjoyed it so much. I have enjoyed it so much. I don't like
it. It is very good. I don't know what you will do. I'll be
there."

*****It's me again, and I don't have a "con" section, but I can say that MADCON II will be May 25-28 in Madison, Wisconsin. Contact Mark Frueh, 1013 Milton Street, Apt. 304, Madison, WI 53715, for details. I've been told that this will be the only con Gary C from Memphis T will show up at this summer. If Gary is such a world traveller and bon vivant, how come he doesn't own an American Express card?

NOTES: That was NO NAME -
that was XENOLOGIC PAGE 9

((Want up, Don Sal... our adored (re-adored) editor of this rag, the kind that you either think is the best. i.e., I'd say it and trying harder, but... it isn't everyone that rec'd III 85, now is it? Well it was Donny.....

John:

Let's see, where was I after that phone call.....

MaryCon: I'm definitely going to be there, but I may not be able to make it to New York - I think it's because Ed Koch considers me a security risk and he can't afford the extra men on 24-hour shoot-first-ask-questions-later alert at JFK (only to have me land at LaGuardia). Either that, or I'm a little short of time and money (it's ~~3/4~~ expensive to fly out there....not to mention flying back!). Still, you can meet the one and only ME at MaryCon.

I'm glad you won't be coming out to CA this year; I begin work somewhere in July - probably in California somewhere, but I've applied to other places (even Texas (!) and New York (!)) - and it'd be busy during this opening period. If you're going out to PudgeCon, I won't be there (I have to run an event at Pacificon at the same time), but expect a surprise - believe me, you'll be surprised!!

The DIPCON 85 problem: if nobody in L.A. really wants it (and considering that there aren't very many big cons in LA, I doubt if anybody does - and some voters might consider giving the con to Peery "more trouble than it's worth", considering the latest run of "Peeribashing"), it'll go to Seattle. (As soon as somebody remembers the argument in the middle of the top board game of the San Francisco Dipcon, that'll leave SF out of it - untill, and unless, the way the tournament is played undergoes a change.) As for 86, don't expect ORIGINS to be on the coast - probably Detroit or Chicago - while DIPCON has to be in zone I.

The way I see it, New York is nothing more than San Francisco with a few more theaters and a lot more dollars out of tourists' pockets (per person, that is). Besides, it costs 100 times as much to go to NY as it does to SF....

And speaking of Kathy, ~~EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE~~ What was that? Emergency interruption of this letter from Bruce Linsey - would you mind giving up the page? I guess I have to be going....by the way, what was the "emergency" Bruce Linsey had that required interrupting our call?

((Lets see, let me let you that, not only are you welcome at our house after MaryCon, but we will throw a MaryCon for you. For sure. June 8-10, CNE))

Regards,

((who, ME?))

P.S. If I happen to be working in the midwest somewhere....I may make it to PudgeCon after all! (Just so you'll have an excuse if you don't show up)

((Lets see, in case you haven't noticed, DBC loves to use those words too. It is surprising my style. Jerry Dea, Calif is out this year, we are giving our berries just so we can come out to Dipcon 85 ~~1/23/11/11/11~~ ~~1/23/11/11~~ and have a good time. So we bring an East Coast Dipcon. Let it be Dipcon this year, for what Jerry Dillon printed. The first day bid. Love the idea- it either goes to the fruits, the nuts or the seeds. Jerry Linsey's agency was that his paper wrote and he didn't know what to do. What can I say? PudgeCon, for us- ~~1/23/11/11~~ ~~1/23/11/11~~ 10.))

Lets about it for this issue of III, the longest to date. I sure hope Don Sal... meet with 3 pages of this non-sense. But then I say no EE last month, I felt something had to be done to fill the void, and III can more than fill the void that EE makes. Take care and have fun.....

*****John, what do you intend to do with the \$2 credit to the 'zine of your choice? Remember - **COMMAND PERFORMANCE BYRNECON, June 8-10....Kathy and John COMMAND you to show up OR ELSE - and you DON'T want to know what it feels like to be OR ELSEd, now do you?**

FLASH! GARY COUGHLAN SLIPS UP AGAIN! In his list of 'zines and subzines on his Runestone Poll ballot, he lists RETALIATION, but not the subzine THE THRILL OF AGONY, THE VICTORY OF DEFEAT contained within. Do I get 3 issues of EE for that, Gary?

PAGE 11 - the one you just HAVE to read first

NO CUTE NAME THIS TIME (OR DID I ALREADY USE THAT ONE?)

HERVE Spring 02

YOU GUYS ARE ALL HEART

A (Michalski): A Vie-Boh, A Bud-Ser, A Ser-Gre, F Gre-Aeg, A Tri-Tyr
E (Brawner): F Lpl-Nao, F Nth C German A Hol-Nwy, A Bel-Pic, F Eng-Mao
F (Gardner): A Mar-Gas, F Mao S A Mar-Gas, A Pic-Pat
G (Shores): A Hol-Nwy, F Den-Swe, F Kie-Bal, A Bur S English A Bel-Pic, A Mun-Sil
I (Bowen): F Tun-Wme, F Nap-Tys, A Pie-Mar, A Rom-Ven
R (Slaughter): F Gob-Bal, A Stp-Fin, A Sev H, A Ukr S A Sev, F Rum S Austian A Ser-Bul
T (Ehli): A Arm-Smy, A Con-Bul, F Bla S A Con-Bul

Underlined moves do not succeed. I really enjoy the round-robin stab effect of this game. I can just tell that the positions are going to be really weird by 05. Hey do we get press? Sure we get press. Right after Don gives us a new deadline. Right?

(Right - DEADLINE is JUNE 5)

FRANCE to ENGLAND & GERMANY: You think the second word in the name of my subzeen is "Revenge" by accident?

ITALY: The Stooges Hall of Fame, with Mike Ehli and Paul Gardner performing "The Curly Shuffle."

ROCKVILLE: That one's gotta be a hit.

ITALY to MYCH-AL ELLYE: What a great plan! By making such a dumb opening you convinced your neighbors that you are no threat. Now you make brilliant moves and carry the day! Brilliant!

ROCKVILLE: Is that supposed to be "carry the day" or "carried away"?

ITALY to ENGLAND: OK OK OK is there anybody in there. Just nod (or write) if you can hear me. Is anyone at home?

ROCKVILLE: Oh, please, ANYTHING but Pink Floyd! Can't you borrow some of Dan's U2 albums at least?

DERWOOD to MIKE: Unfortunately, writing press won't assure your survival. Just ask Bob Olsen.

TURK to ROCKVILLE: Maybe I'll do an encore, but usually I can only create one big press item per game, if that. We'll see.

ROCKVILLE: Don't wait TOO long!

FRENCH RIVIERA: Special prices extra low for Italian soldiers in all shops - not to mention on the beaches.

FRANCE to ENG: You're supposed to be known for understatement not reticence.

EUGENE to EUGENE: Nice subzeen you got there; lousy country, though.

ROCKVILLE: Yeah, looks like you'll get a fine opportunity to put some extra work into PERLMUTTER'S REVENGE real soon. These guys are just looking out for your welfare.

TURK to ROCKVILLE: No, that isn't a good attitude to take. But it's a realistic one.

ROCKVILLE: Hey, this is LIFE OF MONTY! We don't worry about Reality here!

EUGENE to RRROCKVILLE: Hey McGruff! How about taking a bite out of my enemies.

ROCKVILLE: Oh, so you get those commercials too, huh? While what they may be doing to your nice little country may be criminal, I don't have the power to do a thing about it. It's not in the house rules. I'm sure you should bring this up with Don at the next LOM stockholders meeting. Loyal Doomie that he is, he'll be aghast.

By the way, Rockville is also famous (if that's the word) for some sort of national Drug Abuse Clinic (or is that Alcohol, I don't remember). They could probably help you more than I can. But I never understood why you had to go to a clinic to learn how to abuse drugs, I can give you a few pointers right here:

- 1) Leave aspirin out in the rain with the cap off.
- 2) Shake penicillin TOO hard.
- 3) Use that fancy syringe to squirt novocaine at the dentist.

See, wasn't that easy? And it was free, too.

Stay tuned for next month when I give pointers on valium, pepto bismol, and Robitussin...

*****The NADB scores are in! Greg Doyle - 430....Mark Luedi - 470....
Scott Luckenbill - 480....Dick Martin - 510....James Woodson -
610.....that means James Woodson grabs two freebies; too bad he
trades.....well, maybe next year a paying customer will win.

Looks like I've got a sixth player for my latest Dip opening - I've also received my copy of Beyerlein's Adjudicating Diplomacy, so I'm all set as soon as number 7 bothers to show up.....I PREDICT the next Soviet invasion will be the first Warsaw Pact country to announce they're absolutely certainly definitely going to the L.A. Olympics.

PAGE 12 is absolutely certainly definitely staying home

LETTERS

I like reading them European (e.g. EUROPA EXPRESS) style - I like writing them Linsey style. That means no splitting up letters

into different sections of the letter column - each letter is printed in one location. However, I do tend to cut out parts of letters because of space, irrelevance, and/or content. As the editor, I have the right to edit and publish any and all letters I receive; however, I do recognize "Not For Print" if it is printed clearly enough on the letter. (I've had one or two slip by.)

FIRST OFF, from Ed Wrobel, dated April 13:

Yes, the April POLITESSE is indeed late. I succumbed to the temptation of relinquishing control in exchanged for expanded circulation.

((After a reply to an earlier request of mine for MARYCON info)) Yes, we have our share of ECC villains as well as saints. The Martins will officiate; Woody, Byrne, Caruso, Mainardi will probably be there; Swider will run Final Conflict; Davis will run some other variants. Berch and Linsey are supposed to appear.

National Airport may be more convenient than Dulles (a bit west) or BWI (toward Baltimore). Groome Limousine runs from National to Fredericksburg and someone will pick you up from the Fredburg stop - it's only a few miles.

*****Yes, but will Cathy Cuning show up, now that Woody says he'll be there? Besides, now that Cathy's gone to Chicago, somebody has to hold up the honor of the WCC.

And now one from John Caruso:

Larry Peery was offended? By that stuff? You gotta be kidding - he's said worse to me, and about me in print. I will try to take myself down but, geez, let those without sin cast the first stone, or complain about offending.

*****John was referring to a letter in MOS EISLEY SPACEPORT (one which appeared recently in LOM) in which John mentioned a "Larry Peery - AIDS contest", after which Larry wrote to me mentioning that he felt offended by it. (Strangely enough, the MES was originally sent to EUROPA EXPRESS, but Gary refused it because of John's letter.)

Now for a change of pace - here's one found inside an envelope addressed to me; the envelope is marked "RETURNED FOR POSTAGE" and "OPENED IN DEAD LETTER OFFICE, ST. PAUL, MN 55101-9514", but the letter is for Bob Olsen:

This matter ((a check to me for \$5)) is being returned to you because it was found in the U.S. Mail, without postage affixed. This is contrary to section 146.11, Domestic Mail Manual, which requires that "Postage on all mail must be fully prepaid at the time of mailing."

If a return address had been on your mail, it would not have been sent to the dead letter office to be opened and returned, it could have been returned at the point of entry and no additional charges would have been assessed.

****Wait a minute - if the manual says that postage must be prepaid in full, then why is insufficient postage charged to the receiver?

DID YOU EVER NOTICE...on the Bill Cosby Olympic Coin commercials with the high jumpers, when they move the bar to 8 feet, the bar isn't even over the jumper's head? (Which means that the man jumping over the "7 foot" bar is only jumping about 5 1/2 feet? That's barely good for high school jumpers!)

IT'S OFFICIAL - the check is in the mail. I'm officially signed up (more-or-less) for MARYCON. Then again, I registered for a PEERCON once, and I didn't show up...then again, I was saving up for this one.

If it's on PAGE 13, it must be official

It's that time of year again! Time for the 1984 **STONE POLL**. The poll consists of the 'zine and GM polls, as usual....

EIGHTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN 'ZINE POLL: You may rate any publication substantially devoted to Diplomacy (including genzines, house zines of organizations, etc.) of which you have seen more than 2 issues since April 1, 1983. Rate the series, not individual issues; do not base votes on hobby feuds, editor's opinions, etc. Rate each 'zine from 0 to 10 (10 is highest) with no fractions. Subzines should be rated separately and will be counted and listed as such. Pubbers may not rate their own 'zines. Sign your ballot and indicate how you participate in the hobby (e.g. "Subscriber to LON", "Player in 1985HV"). Votes will be confidential. List 'zines **ALPHABETICALLY**. Randolph Smyth (the person running the poll) has the right to tabulate or ignore ballots not following correct procedures.

SEVENTH NORTH AMERICAN GM POLL: You may rate any GM in whose postal game(s) you were a player during the year beginning April 1, 1983, and whom you played under for long enough to get an objective assessment of his or her competence as a GM. (I assume this applies to Dip only - I could be wrong, however) Rate each GM from 0 to 10 as for the 'zine poll. Rate each GM by **NAME**, and list names **ALPHABETICALLY** by **SURNAME**. Also, **DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE RON BROWN OF "MURDERING MINISTERS" AND THE RON BROWN OF "SNAFU"**

DEADLINE for the polls is June 29, 1984. Results will be tabulated as soon as possible after the deadline; anyone may call Randolph and request the results. **DO NOT RATE 'ZINES/GMS OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA**. (unless the GM is GMing a game in a North American 'zine). Non-North Americans may cast ballots, however, and are encouraged to do so as long as they follow the rules.

SEND YOUR BALLOTS to:

Randolph Smyth
212 Aberdeen Street SE
Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 0R1
CANADA

Phone (403) 526-7963 (international access code is not needed from the USA; dial the number as if you were calling somewhere in the country)

NOTE: From the United States, mark mail to Canada as "AIR MAIL"; it does not cost extra, and will get there faster than "First Class", which may still be sent surface mail.

-MORE-BALLOTS-MORE-ELECTIONS-MORE-GRUDGE-VOTES-MORE-HYPE-MORE-CARB-ICE-FEE-VOTERS-

It's **ALSO** time for the 1984 **DON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD** selection. The award was established last year by Larry Peery as a tribute to the founder of the Miller Numbers (the variant version of Boardman Numbers), and annually goes to the person chosen as the one who has given the most outstanding service to the hobby over the past year. The choices:

RONALD BROWN (Canada), for his work in the Canadian Dip. Organization and the Dip Special Interest Group of MESA

GARY COUGHLAN, for dedication to excellence and his role in bridging the American and European hobbies

ROY HENRICKS, for publishing the Zine Register

LEE KENDLER SR., for his work as the Miller Number Custodian

MIKE MILLS, for his work in the P&O auction for hobby services

You can also write in a vote

Send those votes in to Larry Peery, Box 8416, San Diego, CA 92102. If it works the same as last year, the winner will be announced at **DIFCON** in June. Who do I think deserves it? To tell you the truth... I don't think any of these guys has done anything above and beyond the others! Howzabout a write-in for that hobby philanthropist and massive page-printer, Broce Linsey?

How about PAGE 14, for putting up with these things?

MARYCON 2

WITH VARIMARYCON

VARIMARYCON - Friday, June 1, 10 AM - 10 PM

MARYCON - Saturday, June 2, 10 AM - 10 PM, and
Sunday, June 3, 9 AM - 6 PM with awards to follow

First off, VARIMARYCON - scheduled to be the GMs are Tom Swider, who will be running Final Conflict, and Fred Davis, who will be running as-of-yet unlisted variants, but if you ask him, he'll probably let you know. Cost: \$5 to enter, plus \$25 if you want lunch dinner, lodging, and Saturday breakfast. (The \$25 is all-or-nothing)

Now, for the main event - MARYCON. Dick and Julie Martin are in charge of this, the major Eastern Diplomacy event. Just look at the names of those people planning to show up - Arnawoodian...Byrne...Caruso...Mainardi...Davis...Swider...Linsey...Berch...Wrobel...Del Grande (WHO?) Two day event - \$10 entry fee, plus \$30 for 4 meals (lunch to lunch) plus lodging Saturday night and admission to the beer bash.

WHERE'S THE DIP? Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. From I-95, take Highway 3 East to College Avenue, turn left, and then right into the college. NOTE: YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET IF YOU DESIRE LODGING ON THE CAMPUS.

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Well, I am already signed up - if YOU want to sign up, fill out the form on this page and mail it in to MARYCON 84, P.O. BOX 1254, COLLEGE STATION, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22402.

MARYCON 84 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____

NOTE: If you wish special arrangements (i.e. stay an extra day, extra meals), notify MARYCON as quickly as possible.

MARYCON will make every effort to room you with the person(s) of your choice. All rooms are double occupancy with an adjoining room, for a total of 4 persons. The college supplies sheets, pillows, and pillowcases - but NOT blankets!

Lodging includes 1 meals for Vari-MaryCon and 4 for MaryCon, beginning with lunch on Friday/Saturday.

Enclosed is check or money order (do not mail cash) payable to MARYCON for:

- ☐ VARI-MARYCON plus room & board for June 1 - \$50
- ☐ MARYCON plus room & board for June 2 - \$40
- ☐ MARYCON entry fee only - \$10
- ☐ VARIMARYCON entry fee only - \$5

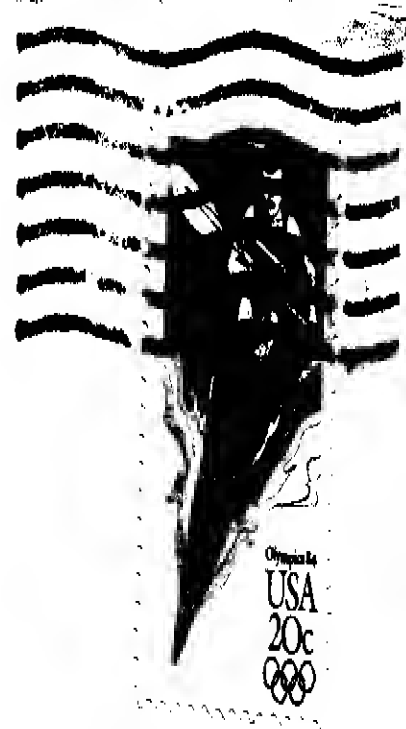
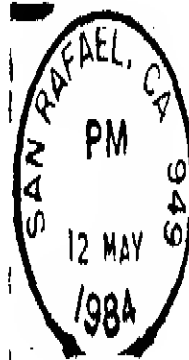
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That address again: MARYCON 84, P.O. BOX 1254, COLLEGE STATION, FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22402. I'll be seeing YOU there.

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